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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference 2 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references 1-3 are attached hereto.

- ☒ 4. Computer-generated English translations of the following Japanese references have been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and are attached, but have not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1-3.

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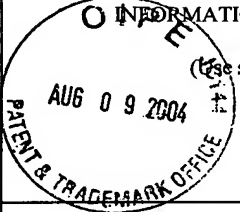
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